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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA.

Synopsis:

JORGE ANTONIO MARTINEZ SOTO, born 2/15/23, in Cuba, identified as individual who was reported to have visited the Parrot Jungle, a tourist attraction at Miami, Fla., about 11/1/63, and to have made remarks there indicating possible acquaintance with OSWALD. MARTINEZ denies any personal acquaintance or knowledge of OSWALD. He maintained that his remarks may have been misunderstood due to his imperfect English.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation supplements that contained on Pages 1 to 15 in the report of Special Agent JAMES J. O'CONNOR dated December 31, 1963, at Miami, Florida, captioned, "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Aka.; IS - R - CUBA." In that report, investigation was set out reflecting that on or about November 1, 1963, an unidentified male made remarks to an employee at the Parrot Jungle, a tourist attraction at Miami, Florida, which remarks led the employee to believe the unknown male was acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. This unidentified male was said to have made reference to President KENNEDY, and "shooting between the eyes," and that he had a friend who was an American, a Marxist, and was a sharpshooter and could speak several languages, including Russian. The Parrot Jungle employee related that the unidentified male, in one instance, referred to his friend by the name "LEE," and remarked that the friend was either in Texas or Mexico.

On March 6, 1964, Mrs. LILLIAN SPINGLER, the Parrot Jungle employee who previously furnished the information concerning the afore-described unidentified male, contacted the Miami Office of the FBI to advise that the unidentified individual had returned to the Parrot Jungle on that date and was observed by her to drive a blue and white Chevrolet bearing 1964 Florida license 1-143874. Mrs. SPINGLER said that Mrs. MARY TYSON, who operates the ticket booth at the Parrot Jungle and speaks Spanish, ascertained that the unidentified male's name was MARTINEZ.

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Records of the Dade County, Florida, Automobile Registration Office reflect that 1964 Florida License 1-143874, was issued to JORGE SOTO MARTINEZ, 464 N. E. 31st Street, Miami, Florida, for a 1954 Chevrolet four-door.

On March 16, 1964, Mrs. ANNA FISHER, 464 N. E. 31st Street, Miami, stated she recalled JORGE MARTINEZ as a tenant in one of her apartments, for a period of about a year, until approximately 1963. She said she did not know his current residence, but recalled that he worked at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach. She said she did not know any of his associates, and that he resided alone, although she understood he had been married.

On March 17, 1964, Miss KAYE BOURBEAU, Personnel Office, Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, advised that JORGE MARTINEZ was currently employed as a bell boy at the hotel, and had begun employment with the hotel on July 14, 1961. His record indicated that he had worked for the Cuban Customs Service in Cuba during the period October, 1949, to March, 1959. She stated that MARTINEZ's address was 711 S. W. 5th Street, Miami, Florida, and that his Social Security Number was 262-70-6632. His employment references were reflected as MICHAEL J. McLANEY, casino owner, known three years; JIM BYRES, Transportation Manager, ~~place not indicated~~; EMILIO GARCIA, property owner, place not indicated; and, MIGUEL A. GARCIA, Manager of the Light Company in Cuba.

Inquiry conducted at 711 S. W. 5th Street, resulted in learning that JORGE MARTINEZ was not known at that address.

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On March 18, 1964, Miss KAYE BOURBEAU, Personnel Office, Fontainebleau Hotel, advised that the inquiry made of JORGE MARTINEZ resulted in obtaining his current address as 301 N. E. 62nd Street, Miami, Florida.

On March 17, 1964, record at the office of U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, Number A11 873 416, pertaining to JORGE ANTONIO MARTINEZ SOTO reflected that he was born on February 15, 1928, in Havana, Cuba. He had been granted a U. S. resident visa at the U. S. Embassy, Havana, on June 28, 1960, and arrived at Miami via Pan American Airways on July 21, 1960. His sponsor for immigration into the United States, who furnished an affidavit promising employment - keep of MARTINEZ, was indicated as MICHAEL J. McLANEY, 4855 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach, Florida.